

REMARKS

No claims have been canceled, amended or added in this paper. Therefore, claims 1-7 and 9-27 are pending and under active consideration.

Claims 1-7 and 22-27 have been allowed.

Claims 9-13 stand rejected “on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 5-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,692,507 in view of Bedi et al. (4,724,839),” and claims 14-21 stand rejected “on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 10-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,692,507.”

Without acquiescing in the propriety of the above rejections, Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer that obviates the rejections. Therefore, the rejections should be withdrawn.

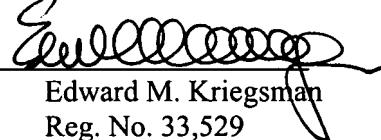
It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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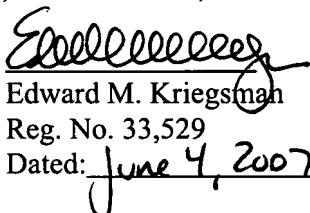
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